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Hawai'i State Department of Health Kaua'i District Health Office announces 44 new cases of COVID-19 on Sept. 3

LĪHU'E – The Hawai'i State Department of Health Kaua'i District Health Office announced 44 new cases on Friday, Sept. 3.

Today's cases are all residents. Of today's new cases, 18 children and 26 adults. Three of the cases are related to travel – one mainland and two interisland. The remaining 41 new cases are considered community-acquired. Thirty-four of the community-acquired infections are close contacts of previously announced cases or are tied to one of our active clusters. The remaining seven community-acquired cases have no known source of infection, including two cases whom investigators have been unable to reach after repeated attempts or who have refused to provide information.

Active cases are directed to isolate, and close contacts are being identified, offered testing, and directed to quarantine. Investigations are ongoing.

"Please relax safely over the holiday weekend: as much as possible, only with household members; outdoors if you are with people from outside your household; wear your mask when close to others from outside your household," said Dr. Janet Berreman, Kaua'i District Health Officer. "Please

observe gathering size limits and statewide indoor mask requirements. And if you are feeling sick, please stay home and consider getting tested.”

Today’s cases bring the number of active cases to 315, with six hospitalized, and 1,548 cumulative cases. Kaua’i’s cumulative case count includes 1,491 confirmed locally, eight probable, and 49 positive cases diagnosed elsewhere, as they received their pre-travel test results after arriving on island.

DOH contact tracing and more info:

Daily case counts continue to rise rapidly, despite the Department of Health’s efforts to perform comprehensive case investigation and contact tracing. If you test positive, please don’t wait to hear from the Department of Health before taking action: isolate yourself at home, and let those you’ve been in contact with know that they’ve been exposed. Your close contacts should quarantine and plan to be tested. Your prompt action makes a difference.

If you have symptoms or are feeling sick, you should isolate yourself immediately, stay away from household members, and not go out – including to work or school – unless you are seeking testing or getting health care. Those who have been vaccinated should still be tested if they believe they may have been exposed or if they feel sick.

Many cases are in residents who have traveled. If you plan a trip, please be vaccinated before you go. And whether or not you are vaccinated, follow Hawai’i’s prudent rules and wear a mask in crowded indoor settings. Finally, please get tested 3 to 5 days after you return to Kaua’i.

Links to home-isolation/quarantine guidelines from DOH:

- <https://hawaiicovid19.com/testing-isolation-quarantine/>
- <https://hawaiicovid19.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Summary-Guidance-for-COVID-19-Cases-and-Contacts.pdf>
- https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/files/2020/04/What-To-Do-If-You-Have-Been-Tested-For-COVID19_040120.pdf

Vaccine info:

Vaccination is free and widely available on the island, including on weekends and evenings and pop-up vaccination opportunities at community sites. Many vaccination sites accept walk-ins. Residents aged 18 and older are eligible for any vaccine available at pharmacy, hospital, and clinic locations. The Pfizer vaccine has been authorized for use in those 12 years of age and older, and is currently available at Wilcox Medical Center, Līhu'e Longs, Līhu'e Safeway, Kaiser Permanente Līhu'e Clinic, and Ho'ōla Lāhui clinics in Waimea and Kapa'a.

The vaccine van operated by Wilcox Health and Hawai'i Pacific Health will be in Hanapēpē on Friday, and Hanalei on Saturday. The van will operate open from noon to 3 p.m. each day.

The Ho'ōla Lāhui pop-up clinics will be open this Saturday at the Kaumakani Community Hall and the Anaina Hou Farmers Market from 9 to 11 a.m. No appointment needed.

The pop-up clinic and hospital van are open to everyone 12 and older. For details on the vaccination sites, visit www.kauai.gov/vaccine.

Testing info:

Free testing is available at the Convention Hall, weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Additionally, a free mobile testing van is available for walk-ins from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kekaha Neighborhood Center on Wednesdays, Kīlauea Neighborhood Center on Thursdays, Kalāheo Neighborhood Center on Fridays, Hanalei Neighborhood Center on Saturdays, and the Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex in Kapa'a on Sundays. Testing performed at the Convention Hall and through the mobile testing van is rapid PCR. Same-day results are sent via email.

Free drive-thru testing is also available daily at Līhu'e Pharmacy Group, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments are highly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. For an appointment, register online at PreventCOVIDHI.com or call (808) 635-4968. Līhu'e Pharmacy offers PCR mid-turbinate testing. Results are expected to be provided the same day via email.

Testing is also available through your primary care physician, a hospital, or an urgent care clinic.
Please contact those providers directly for more information. For more details, visit

<https://www.kauai.gov/covidtest>.

For more information on the county's COVID-19 response, visit www.kauai.gov/COVID-19.

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